

Five missing in North Sea

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ABERDEEN, England - Hope was running out Friday for five crewman missing from an oil rig vessel that capsized in the North Sea off the coast of Scotland's Shetland Isles.

Sky News reported that a 15-year-old boy and his father were believed to be among the missing crew.

Three crewman from the Bourbon Dolphin died and seven others were rescued after the vessel capsized Thursday, Sky News reported.

The Bourbon Dolphin was turning away from a drilling rig when it capsized just after 5 p.m., Scotland's Daily Record reported.

British Navy divers were hoping the missing crewman were in the upturned hull of the vessel.

"We will keep hopes up, but we are approaching very soon the time when the operation enters the recovery phase," Richard Crowther of the Aberdeen Coast Guard told Sky News.

Trond Myklebust, chief executive of Bourbon Norway, which owns the capsized ship, said it had not sent a distress signal before it ran into trouble.

"It is unbelievable. The boat is new, and the weather is good, and we are looking for the reason this has happened," he told the Daily Record.

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